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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kevin Y. Kim

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-102 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 and 53-102 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 August, 10 October, 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment ("resubmitted" replacement drawings and amendment to the claims), filed August 21, 2005, with respect to claims 1-102 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-102 has been withdrawn.

However, a new ground(s) of rejection in connection with claim 52 is made in view of a newly found prior art as set forth below.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1-102 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Reference numerals such as "S1" referring to "a switch" in claim 1 should be in parentheses.

"MF" and "FF" in claim 1 should be expanded to respective full terms. For example,

"MF" should be changed to – matched filter (MF) – at least when the term is used for the first time in a base claim.

A thorough review of the claims and appropriate correction in connection with the above objections is required for all the other claims.

In claim 52 "the multiplier band" should be changed to – a multiplier bank – and the definitions of "Le" and "L" should be provided.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claim 52 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bettaieb (US 6,760,363).

Bettaieb disclose a method performing an inner product computation (see Fig.1), comprising the steps of;

using only an Lw number of multiplier elements of a multiplier bank (40) to multiply the Lw number of constraint waveform (reception signal) with the contents of the Lw number of registers of an equalizer weight register bank (20), see col. 6, lines 22-34, and

using only L summing nodes of a bank of summing nodes (42) to add the Lw products formed from the multiplication of the only Lw central samples of the constraint waveform with the contents of the Lw number of registers of an equalizer weight register bank (20).

Allowable Subject Matter

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5. Claims 1-51,53-102 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections set forth in this Office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Y. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-3039. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM --5PM M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kenneth Vanderpuye can be reached on 571-272-3078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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